

PLAN TO DEVELOP VALLEY

EUROPEAN CAPITAL SEES PROSPECTS ALONG AMAZON

English Engineers Are Investigating Possibilities for Producing Vegetable Oils in South America.

[By Associated Press.]
PARA, MOUTH OF AMAZON RIVER, Dec. 21.—The industrial development of the Amazon valley is attracting the attention of European countries. British, German, Italian, Norwegian, Swedish and Dutch capitalists, engineers and importers are making investigations of the mineral and forest resources of the valley, or have obtained concessions to establish industries here. So far, American participation in this development work is conspicuous by its absence. English engineers came up river at the present time investigating the possibilities of vegetable oils. English experts are here studying the practicality of extracting starch and industrial alcohol from the root of manioc, an English engineer has returned to this city from Italy for further equipment with which to extend the examination he is making in the mineral and forest resources of the Amazon, on behalf of a British syndicate.

Italians Organize Syndicate.
The Italian syndicate, which has been operating a small experimental rubber plantation on the banks of the Amazon, has applied for a concession to open a large factory in Para for the extraction of rubber, illuminating and edible oils from the nuts of palms and trees which grow in the forest. A similar concession has been given to a group of local capitalists for the establishment of oil factories in certain municipalities. These concessions have been granted recently by the State Congress for various factories to manufacture glass, handkerchiefs and thread, saws and products, paper of all grades, rubber goods, vegetable oils and ink and also for the extraction of rubber. These so-called "concessions" are not to be confused with the exclusive monopolies so popular in other Latin American countries, which in the past have proved to be a hamper instead of an aid to industrial development. In Brazil a "concession" to establish a factory or industry is a group of nature of a "charter" with, in some cases, special tax exemptions for a number of years or privileges in the matter of import duties on machinery and equipment.

Abolitionists Enter Para.
The Abolitionist Plantation Company, a German syndicate, has opened a rubber plantation near Para, which has been abandoned when Brazil entered the war on the side of the allies. This company has 200,000 bananas, trees and 100,000 macaxas (pineapples) under cultivation. Bananas thrive exceptionally well in this region; they are subject to none of the diseases prevalent in other banana-growing countries, and owing to the extraordinarily even climate of Para, require no attention when growing. The Para and Amazonian bananas are said to be the best in the world, and are in great demand in Rio de Janeiro and Alagoas; they are said to stand shipment unusually well.

More of Waterways.
Owing to the make of waterways which covers the entire surface of the valley, there can never be any large railway paralleling the main Amazon river, and all railroads will therefore be constructed to act as "feeders" only to the main river and its principal affluents, opening up the interior back of the river banks. Concessions have recently been granted by the State Congress for various waterways, one of which is intended to link the Amazon from the town of Maraca near its mouth with the Brazilian coast, and another to connect the Amazon with the Tocantins River from the first rapids, at Alcobaca, to the navigable water of the upper Amazon, and about ninety miles of the lower one is now practically completed. Other railroad

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Bunny Supplants Pekingese Pets

French Viscountess Says She Has Trained Them to Beat Jazz.

[By Universal Service.]
PARIS, Dec. 21.—Have you a little lap-bunny in your home? It's the vogue in Paris. Viscountess de Boissandey started it, and fashionable Parisiennes are rapidly depositing their Pekingese pets and adopting instead the gentle art of rabbit raising. The "bunnies" accompany their mistresses on automobile trips and to teas, and have taken the dog's place in the boudoir.

Viscountess de Boissandey states her new pets are highly intelligent; she has trained them to beat a jazz drum in accompaniment to popular dances.

Concessions are under discussion in the Chamber of Deputies, as also sundry motor roads from the banks of some of the rivers to interior centers of population.

Get Money From Rothschild.
It is rumored that the Praga railway is about to be sold by the State of Para to an English syndicate which is said to be backed by the banking firm of Rothschild & Co. The charter of this railway provides for a line from Para to Maraca near its mouth, and in operation for several years through a highly productive agricultural district, but the recently discovered deposits on the projected line into Maraca probably has been the occasion of the outside interest. Corn, beans, rice, manioc, bananas and many other fruits, potatoes, vegetables of all kinds are now being raised in the Praga section for the local market, and during the past year two of the production of cotton tobacco, sugar cane, cacao has been undertaken on an extensive scale.

An announcement appeared in the local newspapers recently that the Johnson line is about to establish a steam service between Swedish ports and the Praga section, at Spanish and Portuguese ports.

Local Americans are outspoken in their regret that there appears to be no American participation in this development work; they claim there is no region on earth offering greater opportunities.

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ARRESTED IN CHARLESTON ON CHARGE OF LARCENY

Roy Brown Is Held in Connection With Loss of Several Small Sums of Money.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 21.—Roy Brown, formerly manager of the Natural Fertilizer Company, with offices in Petersburg and Camp Lee, was arrested in Charleston, S. C., this morning on warrants sworn out here last night by George E. Cox, of the auditing force of the fertilizing company. The warrants sworn out last night charge Brown with the larceny of \$50 during the month of March and \$65 during the month of April. The Natural Fertilizer Company purchased under contract, all the manure from the stable at Camp Lee, and sold to the farmers direct from Camp Lee. The company closed its offices in this city this summer.

Unfurl Two Flags.
Two handsome flags have been placed by the school board on the high school building on Washington Street. The flags are the flag of the State, which is on the eastern end of the building, and the flag of the United States, which is on the western end of the building. The flags were specially made by order of the school board and are \$12 feet.

General News Items.
A telegram received in the city announced the death in Dallas, Tex., of Percy M. James, a former resident of Petersburg. Mr. James was a brother of Mrs. Fortson White, of this city. James Davis, colored, was arrested at the Seaboard Railway Station yesterday on the charge of picking the pockets of John Stanford, a colored farmer of Dinwiddie.

The Empire Stocking Club has received contributions amounting to \$100 with which to fill the Christmas stockings for the poor children of the city. The stockings will be filled and delivered by members of the club on Christmas Eve.

VARIETY IN SPELLING

Simple John Is Spelled in Twenty-Four Ways, According to Washington Records.

A girl clerk in the Bureau of War Risk Insurance finds from the card index files of Uncle Sam's fighters that the name "Aloysius" is spelled in forty-nine different ways, and "Ignatz" in sixteen ways. Even the simple name "John" is spelled in twenty-four ways, as follows: John, Giovanni, Jan, Jack, Jackie, Jacques, Jan, Jann, Jannet, Jean, Joe, Johann, Jock, Johann, Johannes, Johnnie, Johnny, Johny, Jon, Juno.

Some of the Great White Father's Indian soldiers bore melodious, if complicated, descriptive names. A few

among many: Harry-Cries-for-Rib, George-Sleep-From-House, Benjamin-Come-Out, Bear, David, Drop-at-a-Distance, Charles Owl, Walk-in-the-House, Wash-Day Clouds, Isaac His-Horse-is-Fast.

The town of Salmon, Idaho, furnished a soldier with five given names, Harry Adolph Thomas Richard Eugene Bullock.

Offers Paintings to State.
Stipulated, However, That Texas Include Cliffs on Which They Were Made.

AUSTIN, TEX., Dec. 21.—The most remarkable Indian paintings or photographs in the Southwest have been offered to State or national authorities, provided the cliffs upon which they are drawn are included in a park and adequately guarded, according to J. E. Pearce, associate professor of anthropology of the University of Texas. These paintings, which are owned by E. D. Sims, of Paint Rock, are located along the banks of the Concho River, near Paint Rock, upon every available surface for a half a mile. They are in deep red, with an occasional black figure or character.

All phases of the early tribes are represented, Mr. Pearce declares, and so much valuable historical material is included in these paintings that Mr. Pearce will have them copied in scale for a report to the Smithsonian Institute for which he is doing research work.

Discover Valuable Ruins.
Rheims Cathedral Believed Built on Foundation of Old Frankish Basilica.

RHEIMS, France, Dec. 21.—Ruins of great archaeological importance have been brought to light by the German shells which crashed through the vaults of the Rheims Cathedral during the bombardment.

The present building was erected in the thirteenth century, probably on the foundations of the old Frankish basilica, the tomb of St. Remi, who died in the sixth century. It is the foundations and crypt of this building that have been unearthed. They appear to date from the ninth century, say experts.

Imperator 4 Days Late.
Delay on First Trip as Commander Due to Dirty Boilers and Bad Coal.

[By Associated Press.]
SOUTHAMPTON, Dec. 21.—The steamship Imperator, on her first trip as a Cunard line since recently she was turned over to the British government by the United States Shipping Board, arrived here today four days behind her scheduled time. The delay, it is said, was due to dirty boilers and bad coal. The passage was uneventful.

GENERAL FOOD STRIKE THREATENS IN GERMANY

Clubs Being Formed to Store Foodstuffs Against Time of Enforced Famine.

BERLIN, Saturday, Dec. 20.—It seems to be the general impression that the government will not concede all the demands made by hotel-keepers relative to food regulations, and predictions are made that a general strike will begin all over Germany on January 6, to continue indefinitely. Many persons, therefore, are forming clubs and organizations to obtain food against the time when the strike will be called.

A series of conferences will be held by Mayor Wermuth with a food purveyor, and it is expected the latter will tell the Mayor just how much food he can deliver. The government has been besetted with protests, especially from foreign missions, and may make small concessions. Berlin's foodless two days ended at 11 o'clock last night. This morning all eating places were open, but trade was light.

THEY WERE ALL THERE

Washington, Lee, Lincoln and Grants Made Up Large Portion of World War Army.

In the Bureau of War Risk Insurance the files of our fighting forces indicate that many prominent men were represented by namesakes. Of "George Washington" there were 123, "General Washington" 6, "Robert E. Lee" 119, "John Quincy Adams" 47, "Abraham Lincoln" only five. General Grant, General Wellington, General Pickett, General Jackson and even Napoleon Bonaparte were all there, although their rank in the world war was that of private.

Opera Coming to Richmond.
One of the most noteworthy musical events of the season will be the appearance here of the Manhattan Opera Company, which will give three performances at the Strand Theater. The company has been received at the box office, and already many inquiries have been received at the box office. The operas chosen are "Carmen," "Rigoletto" and "Aida," which will be heard in the order given. Two nights and matinee, in all of which many of the foremost singers of America will be in the cast.

The company numbers 118 persons, including besides the principals, a ballet, chorists and an orchestra of thirty-five carefully selected musicians.

The Manhattan Opera Company is declared to be an organization maintaining a standard second only to the Metropolitan, while the offerings chosen are among the most tuneful of modern grand opera.

Henrietta Wakefield, widely and favorably known among young mezzo-sopranos, will sing the role of "Carmen," and the critics have acclaimed

PLAN TO AID WOMANHOOD

Swedish Riksdag Will Consider Provisions for Government Employment of Married Women.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—The Swedish government has announced a number of important legislative measures to be taken up by the 129 Riksdag, the State Department has been advised. Improvement of the status of married women, provision for the government employment of women, development of the principle of the arbitration board, mental hygiene reforms, electrification of railroads and open voting in the Riksdag are mentioned in an official communiqué issued by the government.

The questions of unemployment insurance, co-operation between employers and workmen, government ownership of monopolies, and revision of laws relating to limited corporations are also to be considered by the Riksdag.

OBJECT TO POLISH TALK

German People Issue Protest Against Adoption of Language in Former Prussian District.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—The Union of German People in Poland has issued a protest against the sudden introduction of Polish as the sole official language in all territorial districts which were formerly Prussian. The union demands that both languages shall be employed in public affairs, at least for a few years during the period of transition, and it expresses the hope that its desires in this respect will be supported by the senate and by neutrals. The protest states that when the Prussians took over the country in 1815 the Polish language was retained in all public affairs, while now the Poles, by the sudden introduction of Polish as the only language, are doing enormous harm to the vital interests of 2,000,000 Germans.

REPLACE STAINED WINDOWS

Windows of Only One Old Paris Church Were Shattered by Explosion.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—The valuable and ancient stained-glass windows of the Paris churches that were removed to places of safety during the bombardment of the capital by German long-range guns are being rapidly replaced.

The wonderful medieval glass of Notre Dame and the Sainte Chapelle has already been returned, and now the windows of five other old churches, Saint-Jermain, Saint-Severin, Saint-Merry, Saint-Etienne-du-Mont, and Saint-Germain-L'Auxerrois are to be put back. These are all very fine specimens of Renaissance art.

The windows of only one of the old Paris churches were seriously damaged by the war, those of Saint-Denis, which were partially shattered by the explosion at Courbevoie.

SAUCEPANS REPLACE PUPS

London Finds Touring Actresses No Longer Carry With Them Pekingese Dogs.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—Flatirons and saucepans are replacing the Pekingese pup and lunchbasket of the touring actress nowadays.

This change has been brought about by the scarcity of coal and gas in provincial towns and by excessive charges for laundry. Actresses have to warm their food over the gas jet after a night performance, and during the day use the saucepan to heat water for washing clothes. Then the flatirons are brought into use.

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- Fine Silk Socks, 75c to.....\$2.00
- Lisle and Fibre Socks, 25c to.....\$5c
- Madras Shirts newest styles, \$1.50 to \$5.00
- Silk Shirts at \$7.50 to.....\$13.50
- Good Pajamas at \$1.50 to.....\$3.98
- Night Shirts at \$1.50 to.....\$2.50
- Cape and Walking Gloves, \$2.00 to.....\$4.00
- Lined Cape and Mocha Gloves, \$3.00 to \$6.75
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2d Age. "Then the school boy with his shining morning face"

"I raised five children on 'Horlick's,' and they all love it still. It can't be beat as a nutritious meal between meals for a growing boy or girl."

3d Age. "Then the soldier seeking reputation at the cannon's mouth"

"Clara Barton of the Red Cross in her stories of the Spanish-American War tells how Colonel Roosevelt asked the Red Cross to sell him some supplies for some sick men in his regiment, but she declined. 'We cannot sell them, but you can have them for asking.' 'Oh, then I do ask for them.' 'All right, what is on your list?' The list was Horlick's Malted Milk, etc. Colonel Roosevelt slung the heavy sack over his shoulder, and trudged off through the jungle."

4th Age. "And then the lover with his ballad"

"Horlick's growth as a fountain favorite has been marvelous. A constant stream of young couples in the afternoon and evening call for Horlick's Malted Milk, chocolate or plain. Horlick's is a favorite lunch hour drink among universities with the students. A glass making a meal, they find it very economical and healthful."

5th Age. "And then the justice fall of wise saws"

"When I need an invigorator as the result of my work I drink a cup of Horlick's. I have used it constantly for several years, and find it cannot be beat for weak stomach, as a diet. In fact, it is all that is claimed for it."

6th Age. "The sixth age with spectacles on nose"

"I am 60 years old, and consider it a fortunate day when a friend induced me to try a cup of Horlick's Malted Milk. I use it with benefit and pleasure two or three times a day. It is delicious and has done me a world of good."

7th Age. "Last scene of all that ends this eventful history"

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